There was a small amount of rainfall in parts of Chamrajnagar and Mandya Taluks.

Tumkur District.—The price of ragi is Rs. 73 a cart and of paddy Rs. 70. Demand for Burma rice continues as before. The Vaishakhi paddy is being harvested.

Kolar District:—There is nothing special to report in this week. The sales of Burma rice in the Depots continue to be dull. Local rice continues to be sold at 4 to 4½ seers a rupee.

Hassan District.—*Santes* were generally well supplied with food grains, but at Hole-Narsipur *sante*, the supply of ragi was rather poor. Export of paddy and rice from the principal *santes* in the District to Tiptur and other places still continues.

Standing crops such as *kar* paddy and sugarcane are in good condition.

Prices of food grains still continue to be high.

Prospects of the season are generally good for the present. Rains are badly wanted Sowing is delayed for want of rains in some parts, and rain is urgently required.

Shimoga District:—There has not been any material change in the food situation during the last week.

Kadur District:—The supply of food stuffs in the several markets of the District was sufficient to meet the requirements. The prices continued to be high. There is no appreciable change in the prices of various food stuffs as compared with the prices in the previous week.

Chitaldrug District:—There is no change except that the price of rice shows a tendency to fall, particularly in Challakere Taluk where rice is sold at 5 seers a rupee. The prices of the other food stuffs are the same as in the last week. Markets fairly well supplied.

There has been no rain in the District.

General (by Food Controller):—During the week there was no rainfall except a few showers in parts of the Mysore and Bangalore Districts. The standing crops are reported to be in good condition.

The markets are reported to be generally well supplied. There is no appreciable change in regard to prices. In the Chitaldrug District the price of rice is reported to show a downward tendency, rice being sold in Challakere at 5 seers a rupee. In the Bangalore City the price of ragi is reported to have ranged from Rs. 72 to Rs. 79 per cart load.

There is a stock of about 2,500 tons of Burma rice in the Provincial Grain Depot at Bangalore and orders have been placed with Millers at Rangoon for a further supply of 1,000 tons. This is expected to arrive before the end of the month.

Burma rice continues to be issued to the public from the Provincial Grain Depot, Bangalore in small quantities for *bona-fide* domestic consumption.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Levy of Fees for the Loan of Plants.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 24342-4—G. M. 194-19-2, dated the 24th April 1920, directing the levy of fees for the loan of plants from the Lal-Bagh for decoration purposes and also directing among other things that persons desirous of obtaining a loan of plants should apply to the Superintendent, Government Gardens, in writing in good time after remitting the requisite fees to the treasury.

2. Letter No. 1045, dated the 27th April 1920, from the Superintendent, Government Gardens, suggesting that fees for the loan of plants may be ordered to be paid to the Gardens Department on receipt of bills as in the case of sale transactions.

ORDER NO. G. 25532-3—G. M. 194-19-4 DATED 7TH MAY 1920.

In modification of the Government Order dated the 24th April 1920 read above, Government are pleased to direct that the fees for the loan of plants from the Lal-Bagh be paid to the Gardens Department on bills, instead of being remitted to the Treasury.

C. S BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Superintendent, Government Gardens.
The Comptroller to Government.

Grant of Grain Compensation Allowance.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 100-149—G. F. 5-18-1, dated the 9th July 1918, sanctioning rules for the grant of grain compensation as per scale given in Article 72, Civil Account Code, Volume I, ragi being considered as the staple food grain and the taluk the unit.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 2047-96—G. F. 5-18-29, dated the 23rd October 1918, sanctioning rules for the grant of compensation for dearness irrespective of the price of any particular grain or commodity in the two Cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

ORDER NO. FL. 8365-409—G. F. 5-19-19, DATED 15TH MAY 1920.

In accordance with the orders read above, the grant of grain compensation allowance is sanctioned for the month of May 1920 to the employees in the two Cities of Bangalore and Mysore and to those in the several taluks in the State as noted in Annexure A. and B, appended to this order and as indicated below :—

(*a*) To the employees in the taluks in Annexure A, the allowance will be at the following rates :—

(i) To those drawing a pay exceeding Rs. 16 but not exceeding Rs. 30 per mensem, Rs. 2 per mensem.

(ii) To those drawing a pay not exceeding Rs. 16 per mensem, Rs. 1.

(iii) When the pay is less than Rs. 5 per mensem, the extra allowance will be increased so as to bring up the aggregate pay and allowance to Rs. 6 per mensem.

(*b*) To the employees in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore and the taluks in Annexure B, the above allowances will be raised to Rs. 3 and Rs. 1-8-0, respectively, and the aggregate pay and allowance of servants on less than Rs. 5 per mensem brought up to Rs. 6-8-0 per mensem.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The other Secretaries to Government.
The other Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

ANNEXURE A.

1. Shimoga District.
   (i) Shimoga.
   (ii) Honnali.
   (iii) Shikarpur.
   (iv) Kumsi.
2. Kadur District.
   (i) Tarikere.
3. Chitaldrug District.
   (i) Chitaldrug.
   (ii) Holalkere.
   (iii) Jagalur.

ANNEXURE B.

I. Bangalore City.
II. Mysore City.
III. All the taluks and sub-taluks in the State except those mentioned in Annexure A.